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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

Today, our nation pauses to mourn the thousands of lives lost in the terrorist attacks eleven years ago. We also commemorate the firefighters, police, emergency medical workers, and others who responded to those attacks with such bravery. Their heroic sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Here at the Commission, this anniversary serves as a reminder that we must do all that we can to improve the communications capabilities of first responders. Whether emergency personnel are dispatched to respond to a terrorist attack, hurricane, earthquake, or tornado, effective communications can be the difference between life and death.

Although the Commission has made significant headway over the last decade, there is much more for us to do. In particular, I look forward to working with my colleagues as we continue to implement the public safety provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

Finally, I would like to recognize the efforts of all who serve in the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau. Day in and day out, they work to make the American people safer, and I thank them for their service.

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